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Bayada Nurses Opens State-of-the-art Pediatric Simulation Lab Provides Unique Training Opportunities for Home Health Care Professionals

March 8, 2011 – Mount Laurel, NJ – Bayada Nurses, a leading provider of home health care services to people of all ages, has opened its first simulation-based clinical training lab. With the opening of the simulation lab in Bala Cynwyd, PA, the company is leading the way for home health care professionals to experience the same training opportunities used in many of the country's top hospitals. The lab is located at One Bala Plaza, 251 St. Asaph's Road, Suite 125, in Bala Cynwyd.

"Simulation-based clinical education is revolutionizing the way health care professionals are trained by bringing an unprecedented degree of realism to clinical training," says Mark Baiada, founder and president of Bayada Nurses. "We believe in continuously improving our work through education, evaluation, and training, and this lab will help us accomplish that objective."

The simulation lab will enable nurses to train for emergency situations in a safe, controlled environment. Two state-of-the-art pediatric manikins feature simulated breathing, can convulse on command, turn blue, and make breathing, crying, and other realistic sounds. With a tracheotomy opening and IV-ready arms, the manikins enable nurses to practice and develop high-tech skills in accordance with clinical guidelines and protocols.

"The sim lab training empowered me to handle any emergency situation with confidence," says Kim Lynn, BSN, RN, CRRN. "It enables nurses the opportunity to build a variety of skills and achieve a positive experience."

Nurses with varying levels of experience can benefit from the training. Bayada Nurses Division Director Darien Zimmerman explains, "New learners can practice in a safe environment and experienced nurses, especially those coming from the hospital setting, can achieve a great level of comfort transitioning to one-on-one care in the home."

The latest innovations in software, high-performance materials, and research breakthroughs enable the state-of-the-art manikins to provide new and experienced learners with the opportunity to provide interventions for a broad range of symptoms.

Computer-generated scenarios test learners' critical thinking and clinical decision-making skills in an objective manner while actions are logged on the computer for a debriefing that also includes audio and video capture from the training session.

Founded in 1975, Bayada Nurses provides nursing, rehabilitative, therapeutic, and personal home health care services to children, adults, and seniors in the comfort of their own homes. Over 13,000 nurses, home health aides, and therapists work from more than 180 offices in 18 states. For more information, visit www.bayada.com or www.youtube.com/bayadanurses.

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